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Israeli-Syrian Air Battle

Israeli planes shot down two Syrian MiG's in a dogfight over Beirut, the IDF spokesman announced in a statement reported by Jerusalem radio early on 25 May. He said all the Israeli aircraft, which had encountered the MiG's while on a routine flight, returned safely to base.

Iran-Iraq Conflict

Military Situation -- Iranian forces succeeded in completely recapturing Khorramshahr after advancing into the city through its western entrance, according to an armed forces and Guards Corps communique carried by Tehran radio. A Tehran radio report said the Iranians entered the city after liberating the township of Vali-e Asr on the western side of Khorramshahr. More than 12,000 Iraqis, including hundreds of officers, were captured during the liberation of the city, Tehran radio's Arabic service subsequently reported.

Meanwhile, IRNA reported that three Iraqi planes were shot down over the Abadan area bringing the total downed since 30 April to 52. In other action, Iranian planes bombed an Iraqi troop concentration inside Iraq to the west of Kut al-Zayn and inflicted great losses, according to an armed forces communique broadcast by Tehran radio.

In a statement carried by INA, an Iraqi military spokesman announced that on 25 May Iraqi forces completed their "withdrawal operations" from Khorramshahr in the direction of the international border. The spokesman added that the Iraqis had begun their withdrawal and evacuation on 23 May. He observed that the basic task of the Iraqi forces outside of Iraq has been to destroy the largest possible Iranian force in order to prevent them from continuing their expansionist schemes against Iraq. What is important, he noted, is that over the past 20 months Iraqi forces have inflicted huge losses on the Iranians that will lead in the future to the destruction of Iran's military, economic and political capabilities.

According to a subsequent statement by an Iraqi military spokesman, 2,711 Iranians were killed on 25 May during fighting north of Khorramshahr, Baghdad Voice of the Masses radio reported. The spokesman said Iranian forces launched a dawn attack on Iraqi units north of Khorramshahr but were forced to retreat after sustaining large losses. During their counterattack, the Iraqis managed to destroy most of the retreating Iranian force, the spokesman claimed.

Khomeyni Warning -- Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni, in a message to the nation carried by Tehran radio following the liberation of Khorramshahr, warned neighboring and regional states "not to do anything to force the blessed Koran to ordain an obligation to confront you and for us to treat you in accordance with God's command." Khomeyni said because they are smaller and weaker states, the superpowers would not provide them the same amount of assistance as they did for the Iraqi president. He also advised them that Egyptian President Husni Mubarak and Jordan's King Husayn would be of no benefit to them. Khomeyni further cautioned them that if they tried to revive either the Camp David or Fahd plans, "Islam would not allow us to remain silent."

Iraq

President Saddam Husayn has praised Egyptian President Mubarak for building a correct relationship with the Egyptian people. In a statement carried by the Cairo weekly MAY and reported by MENA, Saddam Husayn said patriotism, nationalism and wisdom demanded that Mubarak take the Sinai back because Egypt had "paid the price." The Sinai Multinational Force and Observers has become a fact, Husayn asserted, and is not a separate U.S. force because it is multinational. Paying tribute to the role and contribution of the 1.5 million Egyptians in Iraq, he welcomed cultural and economic exchange between Egypt and Iraq.

Syria

Ceausescu, Al-Faysal Visits -- Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu left Bucharest on an official visit to Syria, Bucharest radio reported early on 25 May. The previous day, President Hafiz al-Asad received Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Sa'ud al-Faysal who gave Al-Asad a message from King Khalid, Damascus radio reported.

Comment on Iraq -- The Iraqi people and army now have a golden opportunity to punish those who plunged Iraq into a war which serves the United States and Israel, according to an AL-BA'TH commentary reported by Damascus radio.

Steadfastness and Confrontation Front

At the end of their meeting in Algiers, foreign ministers of the Steadfastness and Confrontation Front issued a communique which called for the consolidation of relations with "the friendly Iranian revolution" and rejected all maneuvers aimed at enlarging the Iran-Iraq war and introducing other parties into it, Algiers radio reported. Such maneuvers are aimed at justifying the Camp David accords and involving the region in a deadly war which will only benefit the Zionist enemy and imperialist forces, the communique added. It called on Arab countries to remain loyal to the Baghdad summit resolutions, which pledged Arab countries to break off relations with Egypt following the Camp David agreements. Algerian Foreign Minister Ahmed Talib Ibrahimlikewise stressed the front's fundamental differences with the Camp David policy in a speech to the ministers broadcast by Algiers radio. He said the continuation of the Iran-Iraq war is an attrition of gigantic proportions and damages vast resources that should be deployed in the battle against Zionism and imperialism, which today are doubling their hostile activities in several areas of the Arab homeland.

PLO Political Department Chief Faruq Qaddumi revealed after the meeting that a Steadfastness and Confrontation Front summit conference will be held in June, AFP reported.

Lebanon

After the car bomb attack on the French Embassy in which 11 people died, the French ambassador said France will maintain its presence in Lebanon but will make "extremely important decisions" concerning the embassy, AFP reported. He described the explosion as an act of war which cannot be attributed to anyone. Meanwhile, Voice of Lebanon radio reported that a hitherto unknown organization called the "Free Nasirite Revolutionaries" contacted a news agency and claimed responsibility for the bombs in west Beirut.

Egypt

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butrus Ghali and National Democratic Party leader Mustafa Khalil will leave Cairo for Israel on 30 May to hold talks with Israeli Labor Party Chairman Shim'on Peres, MENA reported.

Libya

Libya will not interfere in the struggle taking place in Chad and will not send forces there, JANA reported citing a responsible source in the People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison. The source said Libya is committed to the neutral position it has adopted toward Chad.

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KARMAL PAYS 3-DAY VISIT TO GDR, SIGNS TREATY

For East Berlin and Kabul coverage of Revolutionary Council Chairman Babrak Karmal's 3-day visit to the German Democratic Republic, including Kabul's text of the treaty of friendship and cooperation signed during the visit and an ADN report on the communique issued at the end of Karmal's visit, see the German Democratic Republic section of the 20 May Eastern Europe DAILY REPORT and subsequent issues.

KARMAL SPEAKS TO STATE INFORMATION SERVICE

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[Speech by Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and chairman of the DRA Revolutionary Council, at a 16 May meeting of the State Information Services also attended by Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand, Politburo member and chairman of the DRA Council of Ministers, other Politburo members and PDPA Central Committee members -- recorded]

[Text] Dear comrades, the respected staff of the State Information Services [KHAD]. First of all allow me to convey my sincere and hearty greetings to you, the participants of this grand meeting, and through you to all KHAD staffers; these heroic and courageous militants! [applause] Your meeting is being convened in a special time in the (?life) of the country which has historical importance for our people and our beloved homeland, revolutionary Afghanistan.

Exactly 3 months ago today the PDPA national conference, as a great event in the life of our party, state and people, was convened. The conference approved the party action plan after considering and profoundly assessing the realities of our society and on the basis of (?contemporary) thinking. All documents drafted in the conference and the PDPA action plan entrusted serious and responsible duties to our armed forces including the army, sarandoy and KHAD. The (?documents and the conference) assessed the present situation and circumstances and the future development prospects of society. Allow me to recount the general aspects of these tasks in connection with the present situation.

The revolutionary change in Afghanistan from backwardness to the paths of all-round progress is facing the lunatic and savage resistance of imperialism and reaction which are using all filthy and inhuman means, fighting against our revolution and interfering in our domestic affairs extensively. They have chosen the path of terrorism and aggression, support fratricidal war and do not spare any efforts to revive the sovereignty of exploiters and to deprive our people of the path of progress and prosperity. In spite of this, the people of Afghanistan, with the resolute support of the fraternal people of the great country of the soviets, are struggling against these heretic and aggressive forces, that is reaction and imperialism, in defending the gains of the April Revolution and the true freedom, independence and national sovereignty of the country with firmness and will bring victory in the epic struggle [word indistinct]. [applause]

On the other hand, the United States and its criminal collaborators continue to fan tension around Afghanistan. The Beijing (?fascists), with the active cooperation of Pakistan, send weapons and war equipment along with trained rebels to our soil to continue bloodshed and killing and to disrupt the peace and tranquility of our noble and toiling people. The CIA, the hellish espionage organization of the United States, this pioneer and most savage criminal of the capitalist world and No one enemy of the peoples throughout the world, has undertaken to supply deadly weapons to the criminal rebels under the so-called international assistance to Afghanistan.

At the same time, these criminal and warmongering forces, pursuing their sinister and plundering aims, throw up obstacles in the path of the political situation around Afghanistan which could be maintained only as a result of peaceful talks based on the proposals initiated by the DRA and by putting an end to every kind of aggression and imperialist interference in the domestic affairs of our country.

Briefly, the construction of a new life in Afghanistan, under the conditions of an undeclared war which has been imposed on us by internal and external counterrevolutionaries, is continuing. This situation required indefatigable and resolute struggle in all areas and fronts of the struggle. This situation demands that the PDPA and all state organs take resolute action to defend the gains of the April Revolution. Therefore, the PDPA action plan pays great attention to the decisive and effective defense of the homeland and the revolutionary gains of the people, their reliable consolidation and the resolute stopping of the (?forces of imperialism and reaction) who want to establish an exploitative and oppressive order in our country. At the same time, the action plan outlines a system of effective measures to comprehensively consolidate the revolutionary army, sarandoy and KHAD, enhancing the level of combat readiness and the professional and political consciousness of their ranks. Emphasis has also been laid on their links with the masses.

In the present conditions and circumstances the matter of defending the revolution and resolutely and completely crushing the counterrevolution constitute the major and very important front of the struggle. This is a front against counterrevolutionary actions, terror, armed resistance by the enemy, against the conspiracies of internal and external enemies, the servants of reaction and imperialism, in brief against all the forces who are trying in vain to prevent the progress of our revolution and people.

To implement this successfully, to win further victories and to safeguard these victories and our revolution, we need an organ that is active, powerful, united, disciplined and the servant of the people and that is able to expose in time the plans of the enemies and to display resolute and clear reaction in reliance and support of the masses against the subversions of reactionary and imperialist forces. [applause]

Comrades, various forms of aggression, ideological (?deviation), terror, subversion in economic areas, in transportation, agriculture and others forms of counterrevolutionary activities [words indistinct] once again proves this [word indistinct] which says that revolutionaries should not only take over political power but safeguard it, defend it and organize revolutionary forces in one high rank against the counterrevolutionary forces. In protecting the gains of the April Revolution and in maintaining the security of the DRA against subversion and reactionary and imperialist aggression, the security organs should (?unite) with the state organs and, in the course of their conscious struggle, utilize their expert means and methods to attain their lofty aims.

On the other hand, KHAD and all its departments are (?considered) political organs which implement all their tasks under the leadership and control of the party Central Committee. KHAD bears full responsibility before the party, state and the people for maintaining [word indistinct] and the security of our dear homeland, revolutionary Afghanistan. (?KHAD) and security organ, as an important organ, [words indistinct] which is dutybound, in accordance with the aims and talks of the revolution which is the manifestation of the aspirations of the broad masses of the people, to resolutely and reliably defend the revolution and the revolutionary gains of the people in the name and in the interest of the people. This clear and revolutionary stand will be able to attract the trust and support of the people.

By this practical activity, KHAD pursues and observes revolutionary legality based on the decisions and resolutions of the party Central Committee, Politburo, the party action plan and the DRA Basic Principles, the laws of the country and the resolutions of the DRA Revolutionary Council and the Council of Ministers.

The party Central Committee believes KHAD organs are completely loyal to the interests of the people and are capable of attaining further successes in foiling the attacks and conspiracies of the enemies and their complete annihilation and in maintaining completely the ideology of the democratic and popular order in our homeland. [applause]

Under the circumstances of the intensification of the subversive activities by imperialism, the responsibility of the security organs in defending the society and the homeland against the conspiracies and intrigues of international reaction and the internal counterrevolutionaries is being increased. The KHAD staff should with all seriousness and with a feeling of responsibility [words indistinct] and should neutralize the activity of the enemy that it will be convinced, more than ever before, of the vanity and uselessness of its efforts. The revolutionary process in the country is irreversible and we are ready to continue our righteous struggle against the enemy until victory. [applause]

The determination of the party and the people to end poverty and backwardness, which have been inherited from the past, and to maintain the prosperity and welfare of all the people is the guarantor of our victory. The all-round and fraternal assistance of the great USSR, the solidarity of all socialist countries and of the world's progressive forces with revolutionary Afghanistan is another guarantor to the successful development of the glorious April Revolution.

Comrades, the staff of KHAD who, because of their duties and mission are fighting the enemy in the first line of the struggle front, should always hold dear the noble name of the guardians of revolution, honor, namus and dignity of the people. [applause] I must add that, (?except for some) mistakes, the staff of our security organs have accomplished their duty. [applause] They must enhance their political awareness and accomplish their duties resolutely with courage and firm determination and be the servants of the people and the courageous guardians of their party. [applause]

Along with strengthening security organs, the Central Committee and revolutionary government has adopted necessary measures to prevent incidents emanating from deviation from the law and has created a [word indistinct] firm political and legal path toward maintaining revolutionary (?laws).

Esteemed comrades, a necessary and principle condition for the successful activity of all security organs and their leadership is (?entrusted) to the party Central Committee. Implementing this [word indistinct] principle in practice provides conditions for KHAD which will be able to succeed considerably in the struggle against the rebel bands, counterrevolutionary [words indistinct] and the intrigues of espionage organizations of the imperialist countries and their servants. The abovementioned activity should be organized extensively, effectively and actively. The foul face of imperialism and its servants should be exposed before the people and it should be shown to the people who are supplying weapons to bands of thieves and murderers.

KHAD personnel must set an example in accomplishing the party and revolutionary tasks and should display initiative in coordinating and organizing joint effort with the army, sarandoy, the party and state organs in the struggle against banditry and in maintaining state power. KHAD organs must have a direct part in forming the nucleus of state power, party committees, local organs, revolutionary defense groups and also in implementing the resolutions of the party and government, including the armed forces. The work of forming and strengthening new groups of patriots must be [words indistinct]. The personnel of KHAD in all provinces, districts and villages could carry out their tasks in maintaining security. The abovementioned groups must be established in all production establishments and residential places and act in such a way that the earth will be transformed into fire under the feet of rebels. [applause]

A complete and final victory against the counterrevolution can be maintained as a result of the coordinated and united activity of the organs of KHAD, the Afghan revolutionary army and the sarandoy.

The party Central Committee, the Revolutionary Council and the Council of Ministers pay constant attention to strengthening the armed forces and sarandoy. One of the major tasks of KHAD and sarandoy is to maintain security in the major production installation and transportation and at agricultural establishments. In organizing the task, (?short-comings) have been noticed that must be eliminated. The strength of our revolutionary state lies in its use of existing possibilities for settling questions [words indistinct] of the broad masses of the people. Thus the security organs should take complete and effective measures to (?make it possible) for major industrial establishments, transportation and agriculture to work without interruption. This is what all our masses and revolutionary government (?expect).

Comrades, KHAD organs are dutybound to prevent the efforts and search of the enemies, who want to abuse the religion of Islam to attain their sinister aims and who want to turn the Afghan revolution from its main path. We should prove in our practical work that social and national progress is not against Islam but, on the contrary, the criminal actions of those who want to abuse the religion of Islam are in complete opposition to the Islamic religion. The successful development and changes [word indistinct] in our country depend, on the one hand, on internal conditions and, on the other hand, on international conditions. Thus our party and government try to provide suitable international conditions for carrying out these changes in the interest of our people. KHAD organs are dutybound to take up all necessary measures to implement the policy of the DRA in this area. The Central Committee will not allow KHAD organs to deviate from the path of [words indistinct].

And in the future, too, it will consistently follow this policy for the observation and strengthening of revolutionary legality. Unfortunately, incidents resulting from failure to observe the law are not unique. The Central Committee demands the questioning and punishment of those who have ignored the law, without consideration for their past services and their official and government ranks. [applause] Ignoring of the law and deviation from it by party and government personnel, including and in particular personnel of the security organs, should be considered a crime and a deviation from the principles and aspirations of the April Revolution. [applause] This kind of action is not in accordance with the noble title of party member or member of the noble personnel of KHAD. [applause]

KHAD personnel should always remember that they are the political troops of their party and, therefore, should assess and study the present situation, realize the necessary realities and take correct and timely measures according to them. In order to successfully accomplish this task they should further enhance the level of their ideology and profession. Loyalty to the people and party, proletarian internationalism, irreconcilability and struggle with the enemies of revolution, political awareness, heroism, observing legality, humanitarianism, comradeship and [word indistinct] should characterize every KHAD member. [applause] KHAD members have so far sacrificed themselves heroically, with epic actions. Pride and respect are due such martyrs and true strugglers of the homeland. [applause]

KHAD organs must be active on such fronts where their duty is not complete until the (?last) cease-fire is secured. We have witnessed the enemy daily making use of skillful and more cunning technology. KHAD personnel are dutybound to organize their tasks within the framework of their authority; they should behave in such a manner that the people of Afghanistan will very clearly believe that KHAD activity is in their interest and is defending their aspirations and they can say KHAD personnel are the true servants of the people and the homeland. [applause]

Loyalty to the party and homeland, profound political consciousness, constant political vigilance, combat readiness, [words indistinct], irreconcilability with the enemies of revolution, kindness and tolerance toward people are the characteristics KHAD personnel should strengthen and develop within themselves every day. [applause]

Comrades, the party Central Committee profoundly trusts its militant sociopolitical organ, that is the KHAD, and believes KHAD personnel will once again prove that KHAD organs will attain major victories in implementing their revolutionary tasks. [applause] The Central Committee Politburo Revolutionary Council and the DRA Government believe the DRA security organs have attained the lofty trust of the party and people and will accomplish their important tasks in eliminating the enemies and achieving complete victory. [applause]

Pride and respect to the DRA Armed Forces, including the heroic army, military sarandoy, heroic KHAD, militant KHAD, fighting KHAD. [applause]

KESHTMAND ADDRESSES PARTY STUDENTS' SEMINAR

LD250838 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0512 GMT 25 May 82

[Text] Kabul, 23 May (BAKHTAR) -- Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand, member of the Politburo of the PDPA CC and chairman of the Council of Ministers of the DRA, said today that patriotism and internationalism are unbreakably linked.

Speaking at a seminar for the students of the party courses held here, he added that revolutionaries loyal to the revolutionary theory and to the progressive ideology never ignore the interests of the working people of the world.

They have faith in the world working class movement. They fulfil in practice the major conditions of loyalty to revolutionary theory, keep in view the golden principle of democratic centralism and loyalty to internationalism in their ties with fraternal parties.

He added that our revolution and our country were facing the undeclared war waged by imperialism and reaction. "Thus, it is our duty to defend the revolution and the vital interests of our people. This task can not be accomplished without broad publicity and propaganda work among the militant ranks of our party and the working people of our country."

Recalling the significance of the PDPA countrywide conference, amendment of the Constitution and the programme of action of the PDPA, Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand said: The documents of the conference are in themselves a great source of learning for all. But the study of progressive and revolutionary works is important and necessary for the growth of political consciousness and learning and for understanding the experiences of the other countries and socialist fraternal parties.

The seminar was attended by the deputy heads of propaganda, publicity and learning department of the PDPA CC, secretaries of party committees of Kabul city and the instructors of the party courses.

NAWA-I-WAQT: KESHTMAND MARKED AS NEXT CHIEF

GF241201 Karachi NAWA-I-WAQT in Urdu 18 May p 1

[Text] Kabul, 17 May (PPA) -- The ruling Peoples Democratic Party in Afghanistan (PDPA), in expressing a lack of confidence in Babrak Karmal, has called for the appointment of Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand as head of state. Informed sources in Afghanistan believe the motion of no confidence was passed against Karmal through secret ballot at the recent convention of the party held in Kabul. The sources have said the leading party leaders, including Gholam Dastagir Panjshiri, have also exchanged views with Soviet advisers on the subject. The readers are reminded that for some time now a rumor has been rife in Kabul saying the Soviet leaders are dissatisfied with the performance of Babrak Karmal and would like him replaced.

SOVIETS BOMB QANDAHAR; MUJAHIDIN ATTACK

GF241215 Karachi NAWA-I-WAQT in Urdu 21 May 82 p 10

[Text] London, 20 May (AAP) -- Soviet planes on 13 May bombed three tractors in the Spin Buldak subdivision of Qandahar Province, killing 30 persons. Reports received in Pakistan reveal that the victims included 20 women and children. The government troops later arrested four persons, including the two tractor drivers, and sent them to the torture chambers in Spin Buldak prison. The debris of the destroyed tractors lies strewn about the Spin Buldak border post, while the dead have been buried in an unmarked mass grave nearby.

According to news reaching Peshawar and Paktia, the mujahidin attacked a government Peshawar from Paktis, the mujahidin attacked a government building at (Daragai) on 27 April when members of the ruling Communist Party were celebrating the fourth anniversary of the April Revolution. Using rocket launchers, the mujahidin destroyed a part of the building and killed 13 communists. The mujahidin had taken the precautionary measure of transferring the population in the villages around the spot to safe places in the hills to save them from air bombardment in case of government retaliation. However, because no Soviet soldier had been killed in the raid the Soviet troops in the area did not react.

The mujahidin in another attack on 3 May on the high school at Kotgay village forced the Karmal soldiers occupying the school to run away. The mujahidin captured four Kalashnikov rifles. There were no casualties on either side as the Karmal troops left in a hurry as soon as the firing began. They had been stationed at this spot to keep law and order.

MUJAHIDIN DOWN SOVIET HELICOPTER 2 MAY

GF241536 Karachi NAWA-I-WAQT in Urdu 17 May 82 p 1

[Text] London, 16 May (AAP) -- The mujahidin have downed a Soviet helicopter and its seven crewmembers were either burned or suffocated when the craft caught fire. The helicopter was one of the four Soviet helicopter which were bombing the (Babukhel) area on 2 May. The downed craft was hit by a 27.12-mm antiaircraft gun captured earlier by the mujahidin from the Soviets. The mujahidin recovered two expensive cameras and two binoculars from the wreck of the gunship and some documents.

According to reports, the mujahidin have foiled a Soviet attempt to capture Taloqan Pass in the Panjwai (Bazar-e Panjva'i) subdivision of Qandahar Province. During the operation on 4 May, some 20 Soviet helicopters attacked the pass and then landed 250 commandos at 0800 local time. The mujahidin resisted the attack and finally the attackers withdrew, leaving behind 70 dead.

INDIA'S RAO PAYS 2-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO DACCA

Report on Arrival

BK221223 Dacca Domestic Service in English 1205 GMT 22 May 82

[Text] Indian External Affairs Minister Narasimha Rao arrived in Dacca this afternoon on a 2-day visit to Bangladesh.

In a brief statement at the airport, Narasimha Rao said: India believes in maintaining good relations with Bangladesh based on mutual respect with sovereign equality, and the whole range of bilateral issues between the two countries will be discussed. He expressed optimism about the good relations between the two countries.

The Indian minister was received at the airport by Adviser for Information A.R. Shamsul Doha. This is a return visit to the one made by the Bangladesh foreign minister in September last year.

Rao will call on Chief Martial Law Administrator Lt Gen H.M. Ershad in the evening. Bangladesh-India talks will begin tomorrow morning. Narasimha Rao will lead the Indian delegation while the Bangladesh side will be led by A.R. Shamsul Doha.

Meeting With Ershad

BK230800 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 23 May 82

[Text] Chief Martial Law Administrator of Bangladesh Lt Gen Ershad and External Affairs Minister Narasimha Rao have confirmed their determination to solve all outstanding issues amicably. They expressed this view when Rao called on General Ershad in Dacca last evening. They were together for about 75 minutes. Akashvani's Dacca correspondent (Shrat Ghosh) reports that during the cordial, friendly, informal discussions bilateral matters and the international situation were reviewed. Formal talks between the two sides are opening in Dacca today. The Indian delegation led by Narasimha Rao includes Eric Gonsalves, secretary in the External Affairs Ministry and Muchkund Dubey, India's high commissioner in Bangladesh, and others. The Bangladesh side will be headed by the adviser of the Information Ministry, A.R.S. Doha.

Joint Statement, Departure

BK231317 Dacca Domestic Service in English 1205 GMT 23 May 82

[Text] Bangladesh and India have agreed to intensify efforts to expeditiously find a mutually acceptable solution to the problem of sharing the waters of the Ganges at Farakka and augmentation of its flow. This was stated in a joint statement issued in Dacca this morning following talks between the two countries. Both sides agreed that efforts should continue until a solution is found to their mutual satisfaction. For this purpose the two countries agreed to meet frequently and approach the matter in a spirit of good will, cordiality and good neighborliness. They agreed that all other outstanding issues, including the implementation of the land boundary agreement of 1974 and finalization of the terms and conditions of the lease [word indistinct] perpetuated of the Tin Bigha corridor, the question of South Talpatti Island and the delineation of the maritime boundary will be resolved peacefully through amicable negotiations as soon as possible. It was agreed that bilateral relations should be given further impetus through different consultations and exchange of visits at all levels to promote good will conducive to further consolidation and strengthening of their ties in the resolution of all outstanding problems.

The two sides agreed to set up a joint economic commission to further develop economic and technical cooperation.

Bangladesh and India also agreed to take all steps in close cooperation with other countries in the South Asian region to maintain the momentum of progress in the implementation of the proposals for regional cooperation among South Asian countries.

The talks, lasting about an hour, were held in an atmosphere of warmth, friendship and cordiality. Besides reviewing bilateral relations, the two sides also discussed regional and international issues of mutual interest.

The Bangladesh delegation at the talks was led by Adviser for Information A.R. Shamsul Doha and the Indian side by External Affairs Minister Narasimha Rao.

Talking to newsmen at the state guest house today, the Indian external affairs minister said his visit to Bangladesh is ending with optimism and confidence. He said he had very cordial, constructive and fruitful discussions on various matters of mutual interest with Chief Martial Law Administrator Lt Gen H.M. Ershad in Dacca yesterday evening.

Replying to a question, Rao said he has brought from the Indian prime minister a message of good will and cooperation for the chief martial law administrator.

In reply to a question, Rao said they have to find out a mutually convenient time to invite Chief Martial Law Administrator Lt Gen H.M. Ershad to visit India.

Asked when India will be ratifying the 1974 land boundary agreement, which Bangladesh had done in the very year of its signing, and it is necessary to its implementation, Rao said once demarcation is completed, we will ratify the agreement. That is a constitutional requirement in India, he added.

Rao left Dacca this afternoon for home at the end of his 2-day visit to Bangladesh. Information Adviser A.R. Shamsul Doha saw him off at the Zia International Airport.

FOREIGN OFFICE SEVERS RELATIONS WITH ZAIRE

BK230722 Dacca Domestic Service in English 0145 GMT 23 May 82

[Text] Bangladesh has severed all political, diplomatic, cultural and economic relations with Zaire with immediate effect following that country's move to reestablish diplomatic relations with Israel.

A Foreign Office spokesman in a statement announced this (?decision) in Dacca yesterday. He said the decision of Zaire to reestablish diplomatic relations with Israel has come as a great shock to the government and the people of Bangladesh. This decision is clearly in violation of the resolutions of the United Nation, the Nonaligned Movement, the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the Organization of African Unity. It is most regrettable that the Government of Zaire has chosen to strike at the unity and solidarity of the nonaligned and Third World countries by their decision to reestablish links with Zionist entity. The statement said in view of Bangladesh's total commitment to the cause of the Palestinians and Arab brethren, Bangladesh has decided to sever diplomatic relations with Zaire. The Government of Bangladesh hopes that the universal condemnation such as Zaire's move has provoked will lead to the rescinding of the decision by Zaire.

The spokesman also said that the decision of the Government of the Costa Rica to shift its embassy to Jerusalem from Tel Aviv has come as a great shock to the government and the people of Bangladesh. This decision by Costa Rica is all the more inexplicable in view of Costa Rica's resolute support for national liberation movements and respect for human rights. Bangladesh, therefore, hopes that the Government of Costa Rica will reconsider its decision to shift its embassy to Jerusalem and refrain from doing something which can only be interpreted as a stab on the back of our Palestinian and Arab brethren.

CONGRESS-I CLAIMS HIMACHAL PRADESH LEADERSHIP

BK241636 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 24 May 82

[Text] In Himachal Pradesh, Congress-I legislative party leader Ram Lal has been invited by Governor A.N. Banerjee to form the new government. He will be sworn in as the chief minister at 2130 tonight.

Earlier, Ram Lal called on the governor and stated the claim of his party to form the government. Bharatiya Janata Party [BJP] legislative party leader Shanta Kumar also met the governor and stated his party's claim.

A newly elected independent member of the legislative assembly Mansa Ram has joined the Congress-I. With this, the strength of the Congress-I in the 68 member house has risen to 33. The BJP has 29 seats, Janata Party: 2, and independent: 4.

According to a UNITED NEWS OF INDIA report from Bhopal, BJP President Vajpayee told a news conference that his party will have no objection to the Congress-I being invited to form the government in Himachal Pradesh. He said his party will play the role of the opposition for which it has been chosen by the people in last week's election.

CONGRESS-I-LED FRONT MINISTRY IN KERALA SWORN IN

BK240927 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0730 GMT 24 May 82

[Text] In Kerala, a 19-member United Democratic Front ministry headed by Congress-I leader K. Karunakaran was sworn in at Trivandrum this morning. Governor Mrs Jothi Vencatachellum administered the oath of office and secrecy to the new Council of Ministers at a function held at Raj Bhavan [governor's house]. C.H. Mohammed Koya is the deputy chief minister. Present on the occasion were union Defense Minister R. Venkataraman, union Minister of State for Law A.A. Rahim and Pondicherry Lieutenant Governor K. Chandi.

BHAJAN LAL SWORN IN AS HARYANA CHIEF MINISTER

BK231617 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 23 May 82

[Excerpts] Bhajan Lal, the leader of the Congress-I legislative party, was sworn in as the chief minister of Haryana this afternoon at Raj Bhavan [governor's house] in Chandigarh. He will constitute his ministry later. Governor G.D. Tapase administered the oath of service and the secrecy to Bhajan Lal. He has been asked to prove his majority on the floor of the assembly by the end of next month.

Tapase later told newsmen that Bhajan Lal had submitted a list of 42 to 44 of his supporters and the Congress-I is the single largest party in the new assembly. He said Bhajan Lal has, therefore, a right to form a new government.

When asked about Lok Dal leader Devi Lal's claim to form the new Haryana ministry, the governor said Devi Lal had given him only a list of 35 supporters. When pointed out that Bharatiya Janata Party [BJP] had pledged its support to Devi Lal, Tapase said leader of the BJP Dr Mangal Sen had not submitted his list in this regard.

General Secretary of the All-India Lok Dal Rabi Roy along with some party colleagues met the governor and lodged a protest against his decision.

Lok Dal President Charan Singh has criticized the Haryana governor for inviting Bhajan Lal, the leader of what he called the minority Congress-I legislature party, to form the ministry. He said in New Delhi that the president should intervene in such a situation and ensure justice to the Lok Dal-BJP alliance.

BJP General Secretary L.K. Advani said the governor's decision is unconstitutional.

Janata Party Chief Chandra Shekar said that the governor's decision to invite Bhajan Lal is unjustified.

Three more results of the Haryana assembly have come in. Two have gone to the Congress-I and one to the BJP.

The latest tally is: total seats 90; results declared 89; Congress-I 36, Lok Dal 31, BJP 6, Congress-J 3, Janata 1 and independents 12.

Opposition Protests

BK240338 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 24 May 82

[Text] Haryana Governor G.D. Tapease has defended his decision to invite the Congress-I to form a new ministry. The leader of the Congress-I legislature party, Bhajan Lal, was sworn in as chief minister in Chandigarh yesterday. In a statement later, the governor said his action was in keeping with the time-honored conventions of parliamentary democracy embodied in our constitution.

Tapase pointed out that he has directed that a session of the state assembly must be convened by the end of June to prove that Bhajan Lal enjoys majority support in the house. He hoped with the process of democratic elections having culminated in the installation of a duly elected government, the elected representatives will get on with their job of working for the welfare of the state and the happiness of the people.

The governor said the authenticity and credibility of the list of supports of Devi Lal, the leader of the Lok Dal legislature party, was doubtful. Devi Lal had included the names of some Congress-I members of legislative assembly [MLA] in his list. The governor specifically pointed out that Mrs Sharda Rani, a Congress-I MLA, figured in Devi Lal's list.

Opposition leaders have accused the Haryana governor of having acted unconstitutionally. Five Lok Dal MP's, including party General Secretary Rabi Roy, have criticized the governor for installing what they called a minority government. The Bharatiya Janata Party [BJP] chief, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, said in Bhopal that the criterion of the single largest party forming the government will not apply to Haryana since the Lok Dal and the BJP had jointly contested the assembly elections. He pointed out the same criterion was not adopted in Kerala where the Communist Party of India-Marxist is the largest single party.

Congress-J President Jagjivan Ram said in New Delhi that Tapase's decision is against all democratic norms. Democratic Socialist Party leader Maniram Bagri, in a statement, has demanded an immediate session of the Lok Sabha to discuss the issue. Haryana Pradesh Congress-I President Harpal Singh has said that the governor has acted within the constitutional framework.

'Legal Consultations' Set

BK240956 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 24 May 82

[Text] In Chandigarh, Lok Dal leader Devi Lal today presented a group of his supporters to Governor Tapase at the Raj Bhavan to reinforce his claim that he is in a position to form a new ministry. Bharatiya Janata Party leader Dr (Mangal Singh) and Congress-J leader Col Ram Singh were also present. They demanded that the assembly should be called immediately to ascertain the strength of the party. The Akashvani correspondent reports that the governor has agreed to have immediate legal consultations. The governor told the members of legislative assembly earlier that the assembly will be called by the 30th of next month.

2 KILLED, 11 INJURED IN BARODA VIOLENCE

BK200352 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 20 May 82

[Text] In Baroda, two persons were killed and 11 injured yesterday evening in the incidents of clashes between two groups of people and police firing.

A spokesman of the Gujarat police told Akashvani Ahmedabad correspondent this morning that police burst teargas shells and resorted to firing to disperse violent crowds which were indulging in stone throwing and arson. Indefinite curfew has been clamped down in the affected area since midnight.

The situation is reported to be under control now.

2 KILLED, 8 INJURED IN FIRING NEAR AMRITSAR

BK240501 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 24 May 82

[Text] Two persons were killed and eight injured when some unidentified persons resorted to indiscriminate firing on Saturday [22 May] night in (Pakti) area near Amritsar in Punjab. Central Reserve Police personnel have been deployed to maintain law and order in the area. Police peace committees have also been formed.

GANDHI WANTS IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH U.S.

BK181107 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 18 May 82

[Text] The prime minister says improvement of relations between India and the United States is important for both countries as these are the largest democracies in the world. In an interview with an American columnist, Mrs Gandhi pointed out that this is the right time to improve ties between the two nations. She, however, made it clear that India will not give up its independent policies.

RAO RETURNS FROM TALKS IN DACCA SATISFIED

BK241526 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 24 May 82

[Excerpt] External Affairs Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao has expressed satisfaction at the positive results of his 2-day visit to Bangladesh. Talking to newsmen at Delhi airport on his return from Dacca tonight, he said he had very useful exchange of views with the chief martial law administrator of Bangladesh, Lieutenant General Ershad. Rao said the talks were held in a cordial atmosphere.

Radio Commentary

BK241524 Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1340 GMT 24 May 82

[Article by C.S. Pandit, Delhi Bureau Chief of AMRITA BAZAR PATRIKA]

[Text] The 24-hour visit of India's Foreign Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao to Bangladesh, apart from providing him an opportunity to get acquainted with the new leaders of that country after the recent change of government there, has yielded some tangible results on almost all the outstanding problems between the two countries, which have often acted as periodic irritance in their relations. Rao's 75-minute meeting with Chief Martial Law Administrator Gen H.M. Ershad soon after he reached Dacca on Saturday last [22 May], set the tone of the cordial, frank and friendly discussions in the official talks the next morning.

General Ershad, who also graciously agreed to meet the newsmen accompanying India's foreign minister at the conclusion of the talks, gave the impression of an upright man, determined to do for his people what his government feels has not been done in the last 10 years of the country's existence. He made no secret of his desire to have close, friendly relations with India based on a spirit of cordiality and good-neighborliness. He hoped that all the outstanding issues between the two countries, including the sharing of the waters of the Ganges and the augmentation of its flows at Farakka, the leasing of the Tin Bigha for direct access to Bangladesh enclave, the settlement of the question of the New Moore Island and the delineation of the maritime boundary could be resolved expeditiously through friendly negotiations.

This spirit of friendship and good neighborliness was adequately reflected in the joint statement issued after the official talks on Sunday [23 May]. It naturally emphasized the need to find a solution to the problems of the Ganges waters because the present agreement is due to expire in November this year without any settlement on the question of the long-term solution of the augmentation of the flows in the Ganges at Farakka.

In fact, the second review of the agreement was due to be held on 5 May, but it was postponed till the middle of June pending this visit of Narasimha Rao. The Bangladesh Government had been pressing him to undertake the visit by the end of April. But he could not find earlier dates convenient to him. In a way it was a follow up of his talks with the then Bangladesh foreign minister in September last. But, meanwhile, there had been change in the government in that country and, therefore, this visit assumed special significance.

As Rao himself put it on arrival in Dacca, the visit was more in the nature of getting acquainted with the new leaders and establishing a personal rapport with them. This he seems to have achieved in ample measure.

What is more heartening, however, is that he has also been able to agree on acceptable formulation in the joint statement on issues which have remained unresolved or defied amicable settlement. An indication of the positive outcome of the visit is that the two sides have also agreed to revive the joint commission for economic cooperation, which had ceased to function in 1975.

There is apparently a realization in the Bangladesh leadership that the country cannot preserve its sovereignty and dignity without achieving self-reliance. As General Ershad told Indian correspondent: A country cannot remain dependent on foreign aid for all times to come without losing its dignity. It is in that context that the revival of the joint commission to provide an institutional framework for economic cooperation between the two countries for mutual benefit assumes importance. This also reflects the Bangladesh leaders' support of the South-South cooperation as a means to achieving collective self-reliance. Both sides have also agreed to collaborate in pushing the idea of regional cooperation of South Asian countries originally mooted by late President Ziaur Rahman of Bangladesh.

PLO'S 'ARAFAT HOLDS TALKS IN ISLAMABAD

Report on Arrival

BK231627 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 23 May 82

[Excerpts] Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization [PLO] was accorded a warm welcome when he arrived in Islamabad today on a 2-day good-will visit to Pakistan. President Gen Mohammad Ziaul Haq received him at the airport.

Earlier, talking to newsmen, the president said that Pakistan has always, even before the establishment of Pakistan as a state, supported the stand of the Palestinian people. He said the visit of the Palestinian leader will further strengthen Pakistan's friendly and brotherly relations with Palestine in particular and the entire Arab world in general.

When asked whether he will discuss any particular issue with the Palestinian leader, the president said that there was no fixed agenda for discussions. However, matters of mutual interest, the Middle East situation, the latest situation in Al-Quds following the recent incident of sacrilege of Al-Quds Mosque and the situation in Lebanon will be discussed.

Banquet Remarks

3K240706 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 24 May 82

[Text] Palestine Liberation Organization Chief Yasir 'Arafat has said that the Palestinians, relying on support from Pakistan and freedom-loving people throughout the world, will carry on their struggle until the establishment of their state with Jerusalem as its capital.

He was addressing a banquet hosted in his honor by President Gen Mohammad Ziaul Haq in Islamabad last night.

He said we will never forget the wholehearted support extended by the people and Government of Pakistan to the Palestinians. He expressed his gratitude for this support to the president and the valiant people of Pakistan, especially those Pakistanis who sacrificed their lives in struggle alongside the Palestinians. 'Arafat appealed for an immediate end to the Iran-Iraq war in the name of Jerusalem and the Al-Aqsa Mosque and said that the issue should be settled by brotherly understanding. He also appealed to President Gen Mohammad Ziaul Haq to expedite his efforts as a member of the Islamic peace committee and help in establishing peace in the region.

The PLO chief said that Islamic countries are facing a difficult situation and only untiring efforts can bring about peace in the region. He said that Islamic countries should realize that they will have to sit together to find solutions to their problems through mutual cooperation because they are facing a common enemy. 'Arafat said that, God willing, the day must come when I will invite the Pakistani president to visit independent Palestine.

Earlier, in his speech, President Mohammad Ziaul Haq said that the Pakistani people highly value the Palestinian freedom struggle, as do the Palestinians themselves. He recalled that the All-India Muslim League session which adopted a resolution in favor of a separate homeland for the Muslims of South Asia had also adopted another resolution in support of the rights of the Palestinians. The resolution was drafted by the founder of Pakistan Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah himself. Since that day Pakistan has always supported the rights of the Palestinian brothers.

Gen Mohammad Ziaul Haq said that Palestinian leader Yasir 'Arafat is a great freedom fighter of the day, who keeps the flag of righteousness always high, never compromises with the wrong and dedicates his life for the stand on Palestine.

The president also referred to the efforts made by himself and Yasir 'Arafat as members of the Islamic peace committee to end the Iran-Iraq war. He said that if this war does not come to an end, it will have an adverse effect on the entire Muslim world. He said that Islamic countries cannot face their common enemy until they forge unity in their ranks. The Islamic countries should end all their disputes and differences and pave the way for consolidating their unity. We should sacrifice our personal and regional interests for the sake of the greater interest of the entire Islamic world. He said that the Islamic world enjoys the position of a great power in respect of its collective manpower and huge resources.

The president said that Pakistan has always made efforts to consolidate the forces of peace and end the possibility of differences, clashes and wars. Pakistan is also making efforts to create an atmosphere of peace and tranquility and remove the causes of tension in the region.

Pakistan is making efforts for a peaceful and honorable solution of the Afghanistan issue.

Similarly, it has also initiated a dialogue with the close neighbor India, which is aimed at reducing tension in South Asia and creating an atmosphere of mutual trust so that the people of the two countries can achieve progress and prosperity. He expressed the hope that the process of dialogue between the two countries will continue.

Talks With Haq

BK241147 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 24 May 82

[Text] Formal talks were held between the visiting PLO Chief Yasir 'Arafat and President Gen Mohammad Ziaul Haq in Rawalpindi this morning. Radio Pakistan's diplomatic correspondent says that two leaders were closeted together for about an hour and held talks without any aides which mainly centered around the Middle East situation.

Simultaneously, members of Yasir 'Arafat's delegation held separate talks with Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan. Others present on the Pakistan side included Federal Ministers Sharifuddin Pirzada and Mohammad Ali Khan and the foreign secretary.

Later the president and the PLO chief were joined in their talks by their senior aides.

VOP Report

NC241336 (Clandestine) Voice of Palestine in Arabic 1245 GMT 24 May 82

[Text] Brother leader Abu 'Ammar [Yasir 'Arafat] has called for finding an immediate solution to the Iraq-Iran war, which has been waged for more than 20 months, to preserve the unity of the Islamic states. He added, in a statement published today in Islamabad, that the problems between Iran and Iraq must be solved in a fraternal and cordial manner. He asked the Islamic Good Offices Committee, chaired by Guinea President Ahmed Sekou Toure, to intensify its efforts to establish peace between Iraq and Iran. Brother Abu 'Ammar affirmed that the Islamic states should realize that they have to sit around one table to find solutions for their problems, through joint cooperation, so they can fight their common enemy, Israel.

Brother Abu 'Ammar indicated in his press statement that the Islamic states cannot overcome their difficulties except through unity and cooperation. He affirmed that the Palestinian people will continue fighting until they restore their legitimate rights, including the establishment of a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital.

Communique Issued

BK241643 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 24 May 82

[Text] PLO Chief Yasir 'Arafat and President Gen Mohammad Ziaul Haq have emphasized the imperative need to take effective international steps to stop Israel from pursuing its aggressive and expansionist policies before the world is plunged into a catastrophic crisis. This is stated in a joint communique issued at the conclusion of the PLO chief's official visit to Pakistan.

The president and the PLO chief during their talks exchanged views in detail on various international issues, especially the latest situation in the Middle East. The talks were held in a very friendly and fraternal atmosphere which reflect the traditional ties between Pakistan and the PLO.

Both sides expressed serious concern at the deteriorating situation in the Middle East due to Israel's intransigence and stated that Israel's attitude has assumed dangerous proportions in recent months. Both sides also reaffirmed that the Middle East dispute could be solved only through a comprehensive settlement which guarantees the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people.

Both sides condemned Israel's occupation of Al-Quds and, describing this as an affront to the Islamic community, stressed that all Islamic countries should intensify their efforts to liberate Al-Quds, Palestine and all other occupied Arab territories. The president reaffirmed Pakistan's unflinching support to the Palestinian stand and said that the PLO should be included as a full and equal partner in any effort to find a just solution of the Middle East problem.

Both leaders pledged to spare no efforts to bring about an immediate cease-fire between Iran and Iraq.

The communique says that, during the talks, Pakistan explained its efforts for a peaceful settlement of the Afghan crisis. Both leaders noted that indirect talks will be held in Geneva next month on substantive issues and said that the principles enunciated by the Nonaligned Movement provide the basis for finding a peaceful solution of the issue.

The president also apprised the PLO chief of Pakistan's efforts to normalize relations with India. He expressed the hope that the dialogue on Pakistan's proposal for a no-war pact with India will be resumed soon, the conclusion of which will be an important step in creating a climate of mutual trust and confidence between the two neighboring countries and contribute to peace and security. Appreciating Pakistan's efforts in this regard, the PLO chief said his current visits to New Delhi and Islamabad have convinced him that both India and Pakistan sincerely desire peace and would be able to pursue their efforts to a successful conclusion which will benefit the people of the two countries.

The joint communique says that the two sides reviewed the security situation in the region, the Indian Ocean and the Gulf. They reaffirmed principles enunciated in the Mecca declaration that the preservation of the security of the Gulf is the exclusive concern of the Gulf states.

'Arafat expressed his heartfelt thanks to the president and the people of Pakistan for the warm welcome and hospitality extended to himself and his delegation and for the support and cooperation the Pakistani people have extended to the Palestinians in their just national struggle.

'Arafat was given a warm sendoff on his departure from Islamabad this afternoon at the end of his 2-day visit to Pakistan. On this occasion, a large crowd present at the airport raised the slogans: "Long live Pakistan-Palestine friendship," "Long live Yasir 'Arafat," "Long live President Mohammad Ziaul Haq." Yasir 'Arafat answered the slogans by waving his hand. A 21-gun salute heralded his departure. The national anthems of Pakistan and the PLO were played and a small child presented a bouquet to him. Federal ministers, councillors, diplomatic representatives and top military and civil officials were present at the airport to bid him farewell.

FOREIGN MINISTRY TEAM TO VISIT USSR ON UN AGENDA

BK221700 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 22 May 82

[Text] A delegation of the Foreign Ministry will visit the Soviet Union to discuss the agenda of the next session of the UN General Assembly. Informed sources in Islamabad today clarified the statement made by the Soviet Union's ambassador in Karachi recently which stated that the Soviet Government has invited the delegation to visit the USSR. According to these sources, the two countries have been regularly holding bilateral consultations on the agenda of the UN General Assembly. For such consultations Pakistan's foreign secretary had visited Moscow in 1980 and Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Firubin had come to Pakistan last year.

SOVIET ENVOY VIEWS PAKISTANI TIES, OTHER ISSUES

GF211203 Karachi DAWN in English 19 May 82 p 1, 5

[Text] The Soviet ambassador in Pakistan, Mr Vitaliy S. Smirnov, said in Karachi last evening that his government was ready to receive a Pakistan Foreign Ministry delegation for holding regular consultations on international issues.

Speaking at the Pakistan institute of international affairs, Mr Smirnov said the Soviet Union gave significant attention to its relations with Pakistan. The Soviet Union had been taking steps to promote diversified ties with Pakistan. A number of major agreements on economic cooperation were concluded. He mentioned the recent commissioning of the Guddu thermal power station build with Soviet assistance. The Soviet Union was also helping Pakistan to build a big steel mill near Karachi and a tractor plant near Lahore.

Ten agreements and protocols on trade, shipping, science and culture concluded between the two nations in the last few years facilitated the expansion of Soviet-Pakistani relations, he added.

The ambassador said his country noted with satisfaction Pakistan's withdrawal from SEATO and CENTO. Pakistan's decision to join the Non-Aligned Movement was also a positive step. These circumstances opened up before the two nations fresh opportunities to promote bilateral contacts.

The ambassador said that Soviet representatives promote co-operation with Pakistani delegations in the United Nations and other international organisations tackling questions of peace, the struggle against colonialism and racism, the Middle East settlement and the establishment of a fair international economic order. The Soviet and Pakistani Foreign Ministries hold regular consultations on topical international issues.

The Soviet ambassador said: "We express satisfaction and thankfulness for the support rendered by Pakistan to the Soviet proposals at the UN General Assembly for preventing nuclear catastrophe and conclusion of a treaty prohibiting the emplacement of any arms in outer space."

He said in its co-operation with Pakistan, as with other developing states, the USSR does not attach political conditions.

The ambassador said the Soviet-Pakistani relations had lately been under some strain in connection with developments around Afghanistan. Unfortunately, there were forces which distort the development of the Soviet-Afghan relations and incorrectly interpret the Soviet aid to the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, he added.

Earlier, Mr Justice (retd.) Qadeeruddin Ahmed, who presided over the meeting, welcomed the chief guest.

The Soviet ambassador said the present political structure in Afghanistan had come to stay and no change would be allowed in it.

Mr Smirnov said the Soviet Union would continue to furnish necessary assistance and aid to the people of Afghanistan so that they might (what he called) uphold the gains of their socialist revolution, defend their state sovereignty and end armed intervention in their internal affairs, encouraged and organised by foreign countries.

The ambassador said the countries which were really interested in a peaceful settlement should make appropriate contacts with the Kabul government. On reaching appropriate agreements, the question of the withdrawal of the Soviet troops from Afghanistan could also be settled, he added.

About Sino-Soviet relations he said there was no threat to the People's Republic of China from the Soviet Union.

"We have never supported and do not support now in any form the so-called "concept of two Chinas" and have fully recognised and continue to recognise the People's Republic of China's sovereignty over the Taiwan island."

He added: "We have not had and do not have any territorial claims (on China) and we are ready at any moment to continue talks on the existing border questions for the purpose of reaching mutually-acceptable decisions. We are also ready to discuss the question of possible measures to strengthen mutual trust in the area of the Soviet-Chinese frontier." -- APP.

SPOKESMAN ON COSTA RICAN, ZAIRIAN ACTIONS

BK221630 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 22 May 82

[Text] Pakistan has called upon Costa Rica not to shift its embassy to occupied Jerusalem. It has warned if Costa Rica implements its decision, Pakistan will sever its diplomatic relations with it.

A Foreign Office spokesman said in Islamabad today that Costa Rica's decision has deeply grieved Pakistan and that it has violated the UN Security Council's resolution and the UN Charter.

Radio Pakistan's diplomatic correspondent says that in accordance with the decision of the Islamic Conference, it is obligatory on the part of all member countries of the organization to sever their diplomatic relations with countries who shift their diplomatic missions to Jerusalem.

Referring to Zaire's decision to reestablish relations with Israel, the Foreign Office spokesman said that this decision is contrary to the feelings of the African people and African nations' solidarity with Arab brethren. This type of decision will encourage Israel's expansionist and hegemonistic ambitions. The spokesman said that Pakistan hoped that Zaire would reconsider its decision and rescind it.

IRANIAN FORCES LIBERATE KHORRAMSHAHR 24 MAY

GF241305 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1248 GMT 24 May 82

[Text] Khorramshahr! Khorramshahr has been liberated! The city of blood and martyrdom has been liberated from the desecration of the Saddamist aggressors! [Words indistinct] we have liberated our beloved city from the desecration of the aggressor Saddamist forces. Oh [word indistinct] happiness and joy has filled our Muslim people today [words indistinct]. International oppression today was dealt another heavy blow from the Islamic forces when our forces this afternoon succeeded in entering Khorramshahr victorious after 578 days of the treacherous Saddamist aggression.

The heroes of Islam today are [word indistinct] in the streets, alleys and houses of Khorramshahr, which is now waiting with great expectation [words indistinct]. Blessed is the Islamic nation, blessed are the Iranian people and all oppressed people with the liberation of Khorramshahr, (?the prelude) to the liberation of dear Jerusalem.

Forces in Control

GF241336 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1328 GMT 24 May 82

[Text] Oh strugglers in Muslim Iraq! Oh sons of the heroic Iraqi people! Oh heroic sons of Basrah! The hordes of Islam are conquering Khorramshahr, the city of blood and martyrdom, and are liberating it from the desecration of the 'Aflaqi Saddamists. The forces of Islam have entered the city of Khorramshahr and have tightened their control over all parts of the city, having purged it of the positions of the Saddamist army. The forces of Islam have succeeded in capturing more than 12,000 prisoners, including hundreds of officers.

Greetings to the heroes of Islam as they forge epics of victory. God is great, and pride and victory for Islam.

3 Iraqi MiG's Downed

LD241134 Tehran IRNA in English 1026 GMT 24 May 82

[Text] Tehran, 24 May (IRNA) -- Three more Iraqi MiG fighter bombers were downed this morning in Abadan area by the Iranian defence fire. This brings the total number of Iraqi aircraft downed in the Bayt al-Moqaddas (Jerusalem) Operations to 52.

Announcement to Ahvaz

GF241329 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1326 GMT 24 May 82

[Unscheduled announcement]

[Text] Ahvaz security headquarters asks the people of Ahvaz not to shoot at helicopters flying over the city.

Cancellation of Newscast

GF241449 Bandar-e 'Abbas Domestic Service in Persian 1330 GMT 24 May 82

[Excerpt] Dear listeners: With regard to the final victory of the Islamic combatants on the southern fronts and the liberation of Khuninshahr [Khorramshahr], and in connection with the broadcasting of special programs of the Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran on the occasion, the newscast of the province will not be carried today.

Joint Communique 27

LD241442 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1340 GMT 24 May 82

[Joint communique No 27 of the Central Headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. In the name of God, the crusher of the oppressors. Mohammad, the prophet of God, and those who follow him are harsh with the enemy but merciful among themselves. [Koranic verse] God's blessings to the great prophet of God, saviour of men and his glorious Be'that [date Mecca was captured]; God's blessings to the marty-nurturing and Muslim nation of Islam; God's blessings to Khorramshahr, this bloodstained city, the liberation of which is a prelude to the liberation of Jerusalem from the claws of the Zionist usurpers; God's blessings to the victorious combatants of the corps of Islam who with the love of God and following the commands of their leader Khomeyni, attack the enemy and bring victory and honor to Islam.

The courageous and Muslim nation of Islam, the much-suffered and steadfast people of Iran, greetings to you. Greetings to you the families of the martyrs, you legends of patience and persistence. Now your patience is bearing fruit and the glory and greatness of your martyrs is apparent.

After 20 months of hard work and effort against worldwide oppression and the aggression of the subservient mercenary, the Zionist Saddam, the nation of Islam, the champion nation of Iran, the combatants of the corps of Iran have succeeded in completely recapturing Khorramshahr, the city of martyrdom, the city of resistance and selflessness.

The self-sacrificing combatants of Islam have captured thousands of duped Ba'thists and, this morning, they continued their advance by moving toward the western entrance of Khorramshahr. After mopping up the western part of the city they finally succeeded in completely recapturing Khorramshahr, the city of legend and blood, this afternoon.

Our brave combatants said adhan [call to prayer] together in the congregational mosque of Khorramshahr and held thanksgiving prayers. At present, the victorious corps of Islam, shouting God is great, is moving through the streets and alleyways of the city and guarding and defending the city.

Blessed be the nation of Islam with God's benediction. Congratulations to the hidden imam and to his just deputy, the great Khomeyni, on this victory. Congratulations to the oppressed people of the world and to the nation of Islam on this victory. Congratulations to the souls of all the martyrs of the Islamic revolution. Congratulations to the dear families of the blood-drenched martyrs who gave their sweet lives to achieve this great victory for Islam.

The great nation of Islam, the champion people of Iran, your courageous children ask all the 36-million-strong nation to hold the dusk to dawn adhan tonight; together, wherever they might be, as a mark of thanks for this great victory and as a prayer to God Almighty. At 2100, after the thanksgiving prayers in the mosques we ask you to shout "God is great" from the rooftops. God is great, the enemies of Islam will be annihilated. God is great, Islam will be victorious.

With hope for the Islamic combatants final victory and the liberation of Jerusalem from the claws of occupying Zionism. With the assistance of God, victory is near.

[Signed] The Central Headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Ahvaz Issues Warning

GF241420 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1410 GMT 24 May 82

[Unscheduled announcement]

[Text] According to reports from the Karbala' headquarters, the center for the armed forces Joint Staff and the Islamic revolution guards, the area of Khorramshahr has been designated a military area and the entry of nonmilitary personnel is hereby prohibited.

According to the same report, the mercenary enemy has installed various kinds of mines and explosive traps. Therefore, the heroic people of our nation are requested not to enter the area until further notice.

Khamene'i Message to Khomeyni

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["Text" of 24 May message from President Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i to Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni -- read by announcer]

[Excerpt] In His exalted name. Your Eminence Imam Khomeyni: Your selfless sons have created the greatest epic today on the front of right versus wrong. Oh imam! Today, after 20 months, the cry of victory resounds in Khorramshahr's skies and the high-flying banner of monotheism has been unfurled on this part of the soil of the Islamic nation.

Oh mentor and trailblazer of the combatants of Islam! Your sons today in the throes of complete victory have the greatest need for your prayers. You, who are yourself the leader of the caravan of these soldiers of the imam, may your eyes and heart be more and more enlightened with this victory and the future victories.

[Signed] Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i, head of the Supreme Defense Council and president of the Islamic Republic of Iran

AFP Cites KEYHAN

NC241434 Paris AFP in English 1424 GMT 24 May 82

[Excerpts] Tehran, 24 May (AFP) -- Iranian troops entered Khorramshahr early today and liberated the southern oil port city, occupied 20 months ago by Iraqi forces, Radio Tehran said.

News that Khorramshahr had been freed was announced at 1300 GMT over loudspeakers from mosques throughout Tehran. People in the street immediately began shouting Allahu akbar (God is great), motorists sounded car horns and shots were fired in the air.

In Saturday night's attack the Iranians seized a strategic bridge over the Arayez River about five km (3.5 miles) to the west of Khorramshahr, and then established a base along the Shatt al-'Arab waterway between the town and the Iraqi border, military communiques said.

A bridge built by the Iraqis on the Arvand Rud (the Iranian name for the Shatt al-'Arab) came under heavy Iranian fire, press reports said. The KEYHAN paper's correspondent said the Iraqis were using the bridge to flee the Iranian advance. The bridge is the only link between Iraqi troops encircled in Khorramshahr and Iraqi territory.

The paper also reported that the Iraqis had placed thousands of mines and booby-traps around the city but that most of these had been neutralised by the Iranians.

The paper's correspondent said that on Sunday night Iraqi troops in the city were told over loudspeakers to surrender, otherwise they would be "wiped out."

Warning Against Blocking Streets

GF241451 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1442 GMT 24 May 82

[Text] Ahvaz security headquarters has asked the citizens and owners of private vehicles to seriously avoid gathering or driving in streets where ambulances are moving.

The same headquarters has asked all dear citizens not to resort to unnecessary shooting at helicopters overflying the city.

Iraqi People Urged To Act

GF241730 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1500 GMT 24 May 82

[Unattributed commentary]

[Text] Oh nation of Mohammad, may God have peace on him. A decisive round in the conflict between Islam and infidelity has ended with the victory of great Islam and the defeat of infidelity, and Satan and his surrogates. The city of Khorramshahr has been liberated and the banner of "There is no god but God" is flying high once again in the skies of Khorramshahr. Saddam of Baghdad and his masters have wagered a great deal on this city and viewed it as the beginning of their power and might. They threw most of their forces into the battle for the city and called on their devils in the region to come to Satan's rescue. However, Almighty God was awaiting them and their designs backfired. God has given His support to the believers.

Oh Muslims everywhere! Always follow reports of the victories forged by the soldiers of Islam, the soldiers of God's messenger, may God have peace on him. Spread the news of these victories and watch the suspect moves of the ruler of Egypt and the stooges of the United States which will use them to halt the escalating victorious Islamic tide. Be confident that these stooges are incapable of extinguishing God's light with their breath, and God will perfect His light, though the unbelievers be averse. [Koranic verse]

Oh Muslim peoples of the region! The stooges will try to make you believe that Islam is a threat to you [words indistinct] that the threat comes from the arch-Satan, the United States. As for the victorious Islamic state of Iran, strength merely increases its respect for the rights of Muslims and its ability to defend these rights. The Islamic Republic is the state of the Koran, the state of God's messenger, may God's peace be upon him. Therefore, it protects every Muslim and does not inflict any harm on any Muslim.

Oh Muslim people of Iraq! It is time for you to arise [words indistinct], the devil, Saddam. Oh our kinfolk, know that if you do not act to express yourself, the arch-Satan, the United States, will impose on you another enemy, worse than Saddam. Declare your word, clear and resounding. Saddam must receive his just punishment. We only want the Koran's rule and the banner of Islam. It is a struggle until the devil, all devils, are overthrown.

Tehran on Victory

GF241659 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1515 GMT 24 May 82

[Unattributed commentary]

[Text] Oh Muslims everywhere! Oh nation of Mohammad, may God have peace on him and his scion. God has favored us with victory in a new round in our conflict against infidelity. Khorramshahr has been freed from the desecration of infidelity, and the soldiers of Islam have entered it and held thanksgiving prayers to Almighty God in its congregation mosque. The soldiers of Islam are now tightening Islam's grip on the city. The chants of "God is great, victory for Islam" reverberate throughout the city.

Oh Muslims everywhere! The designs of the arch-Satan, the United States, and his plots against the Islamic state have not ended because he feels that his end is near. We see that the United States was compelled to expose some of its agents' cards when it revealed the close relationship between the agent Husni Mubarak and Saddam. This reveals the extent of the United States' exasperation in the face of the determination and steadfastness of the soldiers of Islam. Oh Muslims, be vigilant and foil the arch-Satan's attempts. Rest assured that Almighty God is with us, because the next round will be more painful to infidelity than this blow, God willing.

Victory comes only from God. God is great; God is great. Victory is for Islam.

12,000 Iraqis Captured

LD241724 Tehran IRNA in English 1556 GMT 24 May 82

[Text] Khuninshahr, 24 May (IRNA) -- The number of Iraqi POWs captured in today's operation in the city has so far reached 12,000 as the Iranian combatants tighten their control on the city and are becoming closer to liberating the city. The enemy forces are surrendering themselves in large groups to the Iranian forces. Reports indicate that a large number of Iraqi tanks and modern vehicles have been taken intact by the Islamic forces.

Joint Staff Communique 922

LD241758 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 24 May 82

[Communique No 922 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Oh God, You have fulfilled Your promise when You said, "if you assist God, God will assist you." [Koranic verse] At the moment, your triumphant and proud forces have raised the banner of Islam in Khorramshahr. Oh God, the fighters of Islam have found eternal honor and felicity in the light of jihad in the path of God and in the light of defending Islam. In order to safeguard the religion of Mohammad they will continue their jihad until they are able to release Islam from the bloody claws of world devourers and the archcriminals of the East and the West and until they are able to come to the assistance of your pure religion throughout the world.

Oh God, in the sparks which have been manifested as the result of our war against Saddam, we see the vile palaces of world arrogance which are trembling because of Islam. We are determined to hoist the banner of the Islam of Mohammad over those palaces. Oh God, in every step that we take we need Your assistance so that, like before, You may assist us with your divine assistance so that we may follow the path of truth and so that we may destroy falsehood.

Felicitations on the liberation of Khorramshahr, the city of blood and martyrdom, to the remnant of God [the hidden imam], may God hasten his glad advent, and to the imam of the nation, the great Khomeyni. Felicitations for this great victory to the pure souls of the martyrs of Islam, to all the heroic and struggling Iranian people and to all the oppressed and deprived people of the world.

Today, simultaneously with the great victory and the liberation of Khorramshahr, in addition to the ground operations of the heroic Islamic forces in this region, the brave pilots of the Air Force of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Airborne Division greatly assisted their fighting brothers by providing them with secure air cover. During today's operations three violating Iraqi planes were downed at 1023, 1027 and 1145 this morning by the fighter planes of the air force guided by the antiaircraft defense of the air force.

Also at 1330 today an enemy concentration position in the Iraqi territory to the west of Kut az-Zayn was bombed by our fighters and the enemy suffered a great deal of losses and casualties. At the moment all our victorious forces are taking up their new positions and are consolidating and strengthening those positions. The evacuation of a large number of Iraqi POW's still continues.

On other battlefronts, our powerful fighters are delivering repeated blows upon the forces of Saddam. The brave personnel of the Gendarmerie of the Islamic Republic of Iran opened fire upon [passage indistinct] of the forces of Saddam were and at least 30 of them were killed.

In the Marivan region, gunfire continues to be exchanged. The artillery fire of our forces stopped enemy movement in the Panjwin and Biarreh regions. Also a number of enemy trenches containing heavy and light weapons were destroyed.

May God's assistance come to the supporters of truth and those who tread the path of God.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Khomeyni Message

LD241908 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 24 May 82

[Message to the nation issued on 24 May by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni "on the occasion of the liberation of Khorramshahr" -- read by announcer]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Expressing my thanks for the telegrams which have been sent to me on the occasion of the liberation of Khorramshahr, I express my unbounded gratitude to Almighty God who has vouchsafed His grace and support for the Islamic country and its committed and self-sacrificing fighters and who bestowed a great victory upon us.

Fully conscious of the fact that "victory only comes from God" [Koranic verse] I thank the children of Islam and the heroic armed forces through whose sleeves the powerful hand of God has revealed itself and has liberated the country of the remnant of God [reference to hidden imam] -- may our lives be a sacrifice to him -- from the clutches of man-devouring wolves who are only tools in the hands of the superpowers, especially world-devouring America, who has also made the beloved Khorramshahr echo with the sound of "God is great" and who has unfurled the proud banner of "There is no god but God" over that verdant city, which was covered with blood at the hands of the archcriminals of the century, giving it the name of Khuninshahr.

Those fighters are above the expressions of gratitude by those such as me. Without doubt they will receive the praise of the savior of humanity and the founder of divine justice throughout the world. They are favored with the verse "you did not shoot when you shot, it was God who shot."

Felicitations, a thousand felicitations, upon you beloved ones and the apples of the eye of Islam for this great victory which was achieved with God's assistance with little loss, with limitless booty, with thousands of deceived POW's and with many wretched killed or wounded who were deceived and dragged toward destruction at the hands of Saddam at-Tikriti, this archcriminal of the world.

With great pride you brought eternal honor to Islam and the beloved homeland. Felicitations to the powerful commanders who commanded such self-sacrificing forces whose victories will shine upon the brow of history until the last day. Felicitations to the great Iranian nation for having such heroic, self-sacrificing children who have made thier names and the name of their country eternal. Felicitations to great Islam for having such followers who triumphantly fight on the two battlefronts, against the hidden enemy and the apparent enemies, and who succeeded in the test and brought honor to Islam.

Now, Oh offspring of the blessed Koran and the military, the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, the Mobilization corps, the gendarmerie, the police, the [Islamic Revolution] Committees, the tribes, the volunteer forces and the dear nation, be careful that the victories, stupendous and amazing though they are, do not make you lose sight of the presence of God, in whose hands lie success and victory, and that arrogance and victory do not lure you, for this is a grave plague and a dangerous trap which come to man with Satan's temptation and which bring destruction to man.

Although I have confidence in every one of you in terms of your commitment to Islam, I must not overlook recalling something of benefit to believers, just as I would not shrink from advising the neighboring and regional states. They know that today, with the cconquest of the wronged Khorramshahr, our victorious government and nation are speaking from a position of strength.

I, with them [Iranian Government and nation], assure you that if you desist from blind obedience to America and its associates and treat us in accordance with the injunction of the blessed Koran and Islam you will not see from us anything but good will and support. You should know that the amount of support given by the superpowers to Saddam, this blind servant, will not be granted to you who are small powers and weak states. You have seen for yourselves the fate of this criminal and his criminal colleague, the deposed shah.

The big powers will not support you more than they have to to exploit you. They will drag you to your death in their own interests.

I advise you as a brother not to do anything to force the blessed Koran to ordain an obligation to confront you and for us to treat you in accordance with God's command. You can be certain that those like the Egyptian Husni Mubarak and Jordanian Husayn and their other fellow criminals will be of no benefit to you and that they would destroy your religion and your life on earth.

If in your meetings you try to revive the defunct Camp David or Fahd plans -- something which we regard as a grave danger to the Islamic countries, particularly the two noble shrines -- Islam will not allow us to remain silent.

I have fulfilled my divine obligation to the (?omniscient) God. I will now raise my hands in supplication and prayer toward the one and only creator, and pray for Islam's armed forces, those who are making sacrifices for the blessed Koran and for the dear homeland, Iran; I wish them happiness, health and success. Boundless greetings and salutations to the committed commanders, the armed forces, the selfless combatants and the grave nation and dear Iran. I am filled with happiness. Peace be upon the true servants of God.

[Signed] Ruhollah Musavi-Khomeyni, 24 May 1982

Conditions for Peace Restated

LD242254 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2030 GMT 24 May 82

[Interview with Foreign Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati on 24 May -- recorded]

[Text] [question indistinct]

[Answer] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. You know that recently American officials have repeatedly declared that Iran's victory in this war is not in America's interest. We know that the reason for calling together the members of the Gulf Cooperation Council last time was to confront the outcome and consequences of the probable victories of the Islamic Republic of Iran against the forces of Saddam's aggression. As you know, the last session met with defeat. If the motivation behind the convocation of that council is the same, it is clear that once again at America's orders these gentlemen have thrown themselves into a well with Saddam's rope and it is not clear whether they will be rescued from this well.

We recommend they stop these games and realize that America, which has provoked them, did not possess the ability to confront our Muslim people and left the scene in the early days of the revolution.

Saddam possessed the best equipped forces and had the best facilities and necessary capabilities for starting an aggression against Iran; but very soon it was made clear that he, too, did not possess the ability to confront our steadfast forces. Some of the member countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council did all they could during this war, hoping that Saddam might be saved and might be able to continue his aggression. They rendered him a great deal of assistance. Nevertheless, we know how the forces of Saddam are on the verge of destruction and how our forces have achieved great and considerable victories. Therefore, we urge them to be content with their past experiences and step up their actions and move toward the good and the well-being of all Muslims through the unified confrontation of all Muslims against America and Israel. They should know that their interest in the region lies in cooperation and understanding with the Islamic Republic of Iran.

[Question] In view of the considerable victories which have been achieved on the battlefronts by the combatants of Islam and in view of the reports which have been received that Saddam [words indistinct] what are your views on these reports?

[Answer] Ever since the beginning of the war we have often emphasized that in order to achieve peace and in order to end the war, three just conditions should be achieved:

1. The withdrawal of Saddam's aggressive forces from the occupied territories.
2. The payment of war reparations by Saddam to the Islamic Republic of Iran.
3. The punishment of the aggressor, so that in the future no one in the region will dare to start an aggression against someone else's territory.

From the very beginning our attempts have been directed at achieving these conditions. We have also told the mediation teams that if these conditions are not achieved through peaceful means and dialogue we have the ability to achieve these conditions through war. Saddam did not accept our just conditions. Thank God, as the result of the devotion and self-sacrifice of the forces of Islam, the Islamic Republic of Iran has succeeded almost 100 percent in achieving its first condition. We regard ourselves as justified in trying to achieve our other conditions.

The second condition is the payment of reparations by Saddam for the damages we have suffered. The destruction which has been caused by Saddam in the west and south of the country, including Hoveyzeh, has added to his burden for the reparation of damages. What he has done is contrary to all international laws and customs. You know that according to the Hague Convention and the Geneva Convention and in accordance with the practice of international courts such actions are regarded as war crimes. Therefore, the destruction of cities adds to Saddam's burden in the payment of reparations.

The actions he has undertaken against the Islamic Republic of Iran add to his guilt as a war criminal. This shows that our conditions, which are just conditions, are the conditions of a country which has been subjected to aggression and which demands that everything is restored to its original state. The whole world knows that we did not in any way start the aggression. Despite the fact that Iran is a powerful country, it has never acted aggressively toward neighboring countries, even very small countries; it has always sought cooperation and understanding with them. In our speeches and statements we have repeatedly stated to our neighbors that we desire good neighborliness.

We repeat that our position against Saddam is a position against an aggressor. In fact, we are defending our Islamic honor, dignity, character and sovereignty. What we are doing is nothing but defense, not an aggression or a violation. Once again, we invite the countries of the region to assist us so that the evil shadow of Saddam's aggressive regime is lifted from our brotherly country of Iraq and so that a government is keeping with and in accordance with the wishes of the Iraqi Muslim nation is established there. They should assist the Iraqi nation to decide its own destiny. They should not link their fate with the fate of the shaky Saddam, who is on the verge of collapse.

May God's peace and blessings be upon you.

Tehran: War Will Expand

CF241931 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1810 GMT 24 May 82

[Unattributed commentary]

[Text] Those who fear for Saddam should wait for the surprise. All doors are closed to him and there is no option left for him other than to escape or commit suicide, as the leader imam has said. We are not about to discuss the fate of this tyrant, for his fate depends on the fate of the war.

The results of the war have begun to become apparent and it has become easy for analysts to predict what awaits Saddam and his allies in the next few days. The soldiers of Islam are resolved to continue the holy war to the end. They have set for themselves a sacred goal for this war: the liberation of Jerusalem. This goal can only be achieved after the (?fall) of capitulatory plans and after the [words indistinct] of reactionary Arab rulers such as Saddam. The liberation of Jerusalem means above all the liberation of the Muslim nation from the shame of Camp David and also from its evil executioners.

Therefore, this war that is being waged by the heroic soldiers of Islam valiantly, and with a high sense of responsibility, is a war of principles. It is not a war for a few inches of land -- it is war against all the tyrants of the region. It is a war against the Camp David policy, against traitorous treaties and capitulatory plans. It is a war against recognition of Israel and against those who try to make themselves a road leading to Tel Aviv. It is a war against Israel and its agents that will only end in Jerusalem.

Today we have embarked on the fourth phase of the Jerusalem Operation. [passage indistinct] Rights can be retrieved only by force of arms. [sentence indistinct] With every day of the war our soldiers become braver, more confident and more determined to liberate every inch of our land. Our heroic people are growing with suffering and pain. Conspiracies make them more confident and optimistic. Wars make them braver and bolder. The ganging up of the evil forces against them make them more zealous and determined in pursuing the right path.

Such a people do not fear wars and do not fear those who support Saddam, but believe that the tax of their freedom and faith is to resist until they achieve victory. When Saddam launched his war against our people, the Imam Khomeyni said: There is good in what happened. It was good, thank God. [passage indistinct] The hope in toppling the tyrant Saddam has been achieved. The hope in recovering the first qibla [Jerusalem] and the third mosque [Al-Aqsa] has been achieved. It is only a matter of time for the fighters. Even time has become a weapon in the hands of [words indistinct]. With every operation [words indistinct] the countdown for Israel [passage indistinct]. Whenever a sword is unsheathed in a new operation the enemy [words indistinct] that this sword will not be sheathed until Jerusalem is liberated.

The flames of this war that was kindled by [word indistinct] Saddam 20 months ago will spread to Palestine. This is what the imperialist circles feared when they referred to the "expansion of the war" when they analyzed the results of the war's (?progress).

Yes, the circle will widen and the fire of war will expand [words indistinct]. It is a war of principles [words indistinct]. The fire that they have kindled will not be extinguished until it burns up all those who were responsible for kindling it.

Yes, the war will expand. This is what the Islamic revolution has decided. This is what our valiant soldiers, who are fighting in defense of principles, have decided. The war will expand to include all those who have supported and assisted Saddam. It will expand until no tyrant like Saddam who oppresses the people will remain. The war will expand to also include Israel and the parties to Camp David so that no shame will remain in the Islamic homeland. Saddam is asking the agents for help and support. This is the point of no return. They chose this path when they declared their treacherous aggression against the Islamic Republic. Everyone who helps this agent will be choosing the same path. The days are passing fast like nightmares for Saddam. The Iraqi Army is choosing the path of freedom in favor of the chains of enslavement to the rulers of Baghdad. It prefers captivity to the shame of [words indistinct] tyranny.

The road appears to be short. God is with the soldiers of Islam because they are fighting [words indistinct]. It is a picture of the usurped land returning to those who have lived on its soil. It is a picture of the return of Jerusalem to Islam. It is a picture of the fall of the stooge of imperialism, Saddam. These are not dreams. What is being achieved today by the heroes was a dream yesterday. Who would have believed that unarmed people could fight a mighty army armed to the teeth? [Words indistinct] let them have faith in the strength of this people, because this strength comes from God.

Capture Celebrated

LD251046 Tehran IRNA in English 0904 GMT 25 May 82

[Text] Tehran, 25 May (IRNA) -- Khorramshahr, the city of devotion and sacrifice, Monday was liberated after 40 days of fighting in a 20-month war between the army of truth with the forces of falsehood. The city embraced the first group of Islamic combatants amidst fire and smoke about noon on Monday.

The Iranian TV network broadcast every stage of the liberation of the city late last night and showed an enormous amount of Iraqi POWs who had surrendered themselves to the army of Islam and handed over their arms shouting "Allaho akbar" and "Islam is victorious".

The triumphant forces held a thanksgiving prayer at the city's jam' mosque at noon. Khorramshahr came under complete control of the Iranian forces in the evening but a number of areas, mine-planted by the Iraqi Ba'thists, were declared as prohibited zones.

The television also screened an Iraqi helicopter being downed by the fire of the Iranian Ground Forces.

A number of Iraqi troops drowned in the nearby Shatt al-'Arab river as they frantically tried to escape. Several bodies were found entrapped in the barbed wire in the river which they themselves planted. It is said that the number of Iraqi POWs captured during Monday's operations exceeded 11,000 and all available vehicles were used for their transfer.

Iraqi forces completely ruined the city's downtown and destroyed other parts during their 578 days of occupation.

The broadcast also included several reports on people's jubilation nationwide on the liberation of Khorramshahr. In Tehran hundreds of thousands of people marked the victory by holding a massive march through Tehran's streets shouting "Allaho akbar". Car horns were sounded and car head lights flashed as people offered each other candles and fruit. While shedding tears of happiness for such a great victory of the Islamic forces, people hoped to hold similar celebrations in Jerusalem.

Iranians residing in Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar held celebrations on the same occasion shouting slogans such as "Death to the U.S." and "Death to Saddam".

Meanwhile the Lebanese press gave full coverage to Iran's victory in liberating Khorramshahr Monday. The daily AS-SAFIR wrote that Iraq had confessed on Iran's recent offensive and the intensity of the fight in Khorramshahr. [sentence as received] Another Lebanese newspaper, AN-NAHAR, reported that Iranian forces had reached Shatt al-'Arab and had said their afternoon prayers there.

Muslims residing in southern Lebanon, upon hearing the triumph of the Islamic combatants, distributed pamphlets on the recent developments of the Muslim forces in the Iraqi imposed war.

FOREIGN MINISTRY RECALLS CHARGE FROM ZAIRE

LD221652 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 22 May 82

[Text] The Central News Unit reports that the Foreign Ministry spokesman has announced that the charge d'affaires of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Zaire was summoned back from that country as a protest against Zaire's hostile act toward Islam in resuming political relations with the occupying regime of Al-Quds. This action follows the strongly-worded statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran in connection with the resumption of political relations between Zaire and the occupying regime of Al-Quds.

BRIEFS

NEW SOVIET AMBASSADOR ACCEPTED -- Tehran, 22 May (IRNA) -- The Islamic Republic of Iran has accepted the appointment of Mr V.K. Boldyrev as the ambassador of the Soviet Union to Tehran. This was announced by the Public Relations Department of the Foreign Affairs Ministry today. Mr Boldyrev will replace former Soviet Ambassador to Iran Vladimir Vinogradov. [Text] [Tehran IRNA in English 1924 GMT 22 May 82 LD]